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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0403

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HIGH SUDANESE OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON GOS  
MEDIATION EFFORT

REF: KHARTOUM 035) (NOTAL)

1. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION ERITREAN  
ITUATION WITH FONOFF  
USEC MUHAMMED MIRGHANI THIS MORNING, I TOLD HIM  
ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT I KNEW WASHINGTON WAS INTER-  
ESTED IN CESSATION HSTILITIES ERITREA AND SUBSEQUENT  
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. FOR THAT REASON, I HAD  
BEEN GLAD NOTE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S RECENT MEDIATION  
INITIATIVE AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING MIRGHANI  
COULD TELL  
S AS TO ITS CURRENT STATUS.

2. MIRGHANI REPLIED THAT CONTINUED FIGHTING IN ERITREA  
WAS PLACING SUDAN IN INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT POSITION  
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VIS-A-VIS BOTH PMAC AND SUDAN'S ARAB BROTHERS.

NIMEIRI'S MEDIATION APPEAL HAD BEEN DESIGNED GET GOS OFF THIS HOOK. ERITREANS HAD INITIALLY REACTED NEGATIVELY, BUT SUDANESE HAD INDUCED THEM ACCEPT, ARGUING THAT ERITREAN INTERNATIONAL POSITION WOULD BE STRENGTHENED BY ADOPTION FORTHCOMING STANCE. MIRGHANI THOUGHT ELF LEADER IDRIS MOHAMMED HAD NOW ARRIVED KHARTOUM AND SAID PLF LEADER OSMAN SALAH SABBE HAD NOW SENT WORD HE WOULD BE COMING HERE SHORTLY. MIRGHANI CONFIRMED ETHIOPIAN REACTION HAD ALSO INITIALLY BEEN NEGATIVE, BUT SAID THAT FOLLOWING MINSTATE AHMED'S RECENT TRIP TO ADDIS, PMAC HAD NOT REJECTED NIMEIRI'S OFFER NOR WAS IT LIKELY THIS WOULD BE DONE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT NOFAT UHL CLEAR WHEN PMAC MIGHT ACCEPT OFFER NOR WHEN ETHIOPIANA ELEGATION MIGHT VISIT KHARTOUM. MIRGHANI SPECUITPL THAT PMAC WOULD NEVER REJECT MEDIATION OFFER OUTRIGHT BUT MIGHT DRAG FEET FOR SOME TIME IN HOPES STRENGTHENING ITS MILITARY POSITION ON THE GROUND IN ASMARA BEFORE UNDERTAKING TALKS.

3. I ASKED WHETHER DIFFICULT SUDANESE BALANCING ACT HAD NOT BEEN HURT BY ANNOUNCED DECISION ARAB INFORMATION MINISTERS (INCLUDING SUDANESE) IN CAIRO TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE FOR ERITREA. MIRGHANI RESPONDED THAT HE HAD BEEN ANGERED BY THIS IRRESPONSIBLE ACT ON PART INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD HAVE CONCERNED THEMSELVES WITH RADIO, TV AND OTHER MEDIA PROBLZDS. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT DECISION COULD HAVE NO STANDING FROM THE POLITICAL VIEWPOINT SINCE IT HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN BY THOSE WITH POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY.

4. COMMENT. IT APPARENTLY IS NOW UP TO ETHIOPIANS TO DECIDE WHETHER, AND IF SO AT WHAT PACE, THEY WISH TO PURSUE SUDANESE MEDIATORY INITIATIVE. THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE EPMG SEEKING REVIVIFY ITS GAMBIT USING ERITREAN INTELLOCUTORS (PARA SIX, ADDIS 1864) AND MAY PREFER SEE HOW THIS GOES BEFORE SENDING REPRESENTATIVES KHARTOUM FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH SUDANESE.  
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